

The Road Less Traveled →

Am i Listening?

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JOHN 10:27

MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE; I
KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.

SHema | DEUT 6:4

LISTEN, O ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR
GOD, THE LORD ALONE.

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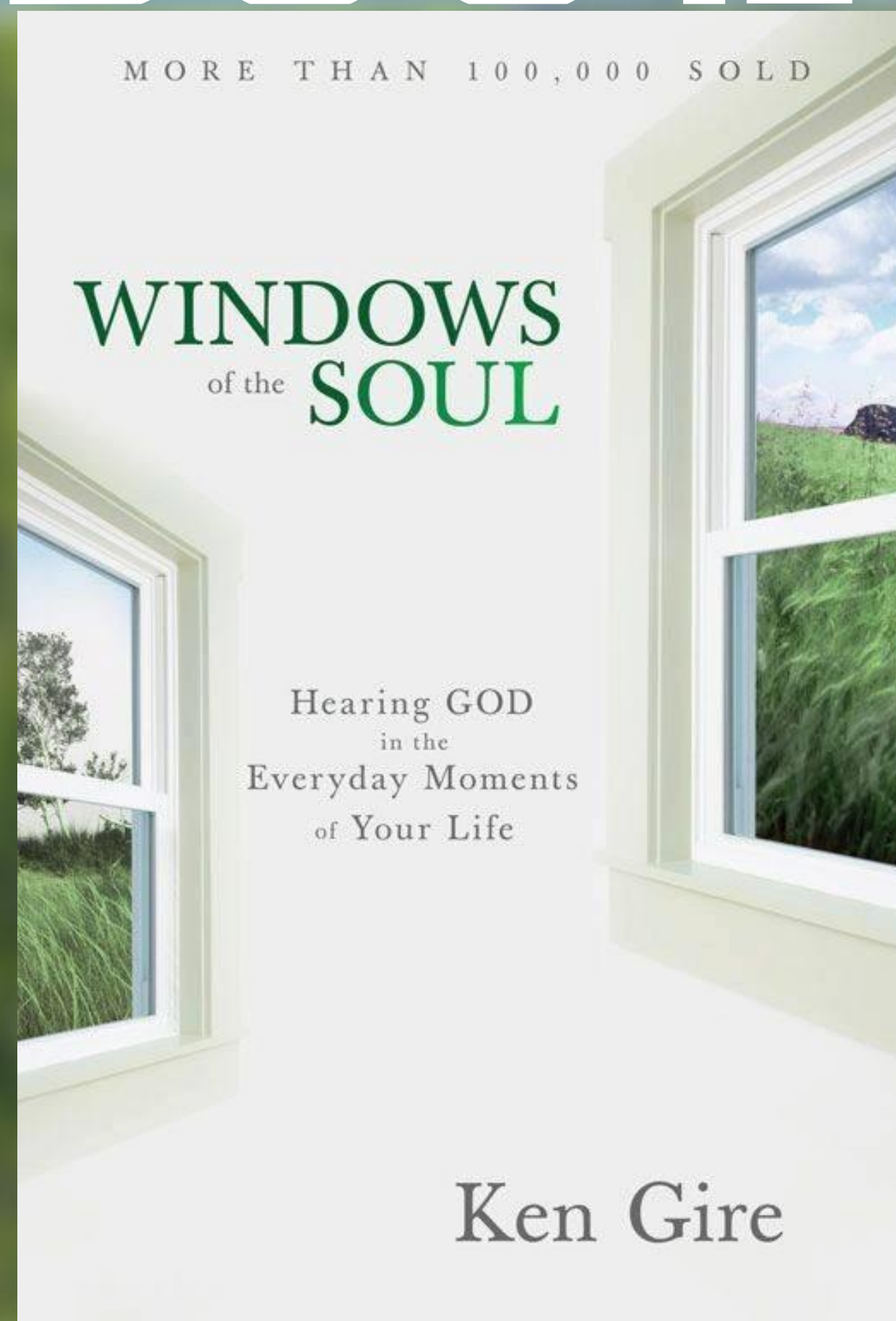
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JESUS ANSWERED, "IT IS WRITTEN:
MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD
ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT
CONTINUOUSLY COMES FROM THE
MOUTH OF GOD."

WINDOWS OF THE SOUL



KEYS TO LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

• AVAILABILITY

• WILLINGNESS

• HUMILITY

AVAILABILITY?

- *PRIORITIZE PRAYER*—BOTH THE SPEAKING AND THE *LISTENING* COMPONENTS.
- *INTENTIONALLY* SILENCE THE NOISE AND COMPETING VOICES AROUND YOU.
- *DELIBERATELY* TURN OFF DISTRACTIONS: PHONES, COMPUTERS, MUSIC, AND TVs.
- *REALIZE* THAT YOU HAVE ONE MOUTH AND TWO EARS: LISTEN TWICE AS MUCH AS YOU SPEAK.
- *SCHEDULE* CONSISTENT, FREQUENT, PERIODIC TIMES FOR PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY AND MEDITATION.

WILLINGNESS

- *PREDISPOSE YOURSELF TO YIELD TO REASON AND LOVE: MAINTAIN A SOFT HEART.*
- *UNDERSTAND THAT OBEDIENCE BRINGS BLESSING.*

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LISTENING IS A POSTURE

- THE POSTURE OF LISTENING IS HUMILITY.**
- GRACE FLOWS DOWNHILL.**
- FASTING IS A TYPE OF SELF HUMBLING.**

LISTENING IS A PASSION

- IT IS FOCUSED AND CULTIVATED
“PAYING ATTENTION.”**
- IT IS VIGILANT.**
- IT DISCERNS THE VOICE OF OUR
FATHER AND FRIEND.**

LISTENING IS A PRESCRIPTION

- **IT IS DIRECTIVE.**
- **IT MUST BE ADHERED TO CLOSELY.**
- **IT REQUIRES A RESPONSE: LISTEN
AND OBEY.**

LISTENING BRINGS REST

- **HEB 3:7 - SO, AS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYS: "TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS YOU DID IN THE REBELLION, DURING THE TIME OF TESTING IN THE WILDERNESS,"**
- **HEB 3:15 - AS HAS JUST BEEN SAID: "TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS YOU DID IN THE REBELLION."**
- **HEB 4:7 - GOD AGAIN SET A CERTAIN DAY, CALLING IT "TODAY." THIS HE DID WHEN A LONG TIME LATER HE SPOKE THROUGH DAVID, AS IN THE PASSAGE ALREADY QUOTED: "TODAY, IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,**